

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q61858

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For: APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF RECORDING AND REPRODUCING  
INFORMATION

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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**REMARKS**

It is noted that the Examiner indicates that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is based on Applicant's remarks filed October 23, 2006. However, the Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 was filed on October 19, 2006 and not October 23, 2006. Applicant assumes the filing date of the Amendment was erroneously indicated in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

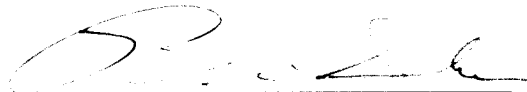
Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on pages 2-4 of the Notice of Allowability dated November 16, 2006. The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase certain features of claims 6, 9, 11, 21, 22, 25, 27, 31-35. and therefore do not accurately restate the respective inventions defined by these claims in their entirety. To the extent that the Examiner's paraphrasing may not accurately

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reflect the features of these claims, Applicant submits that claims 6, 9, 11, 21, 22, 25, 27, 31-35 are allowable by virtue of the combination of features, as recited.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the “Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed,” 1247OG111 (6/26/01), “a response to the examiner’s reasons for allowance” is an example of a paper that does “not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.” Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated November 16, 2006.

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